

*Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2023*

**Remarks in an Exchange With Reporters Prior to Departure for Rolling Fork,  
Mississippi**

*March 31, 2023*

*Manhattan Grand Jury Indictment of Former President Donald J. Trump*

*Q.* Mr. President, any reaction to the Trump indictment?

*Q.* President Biden, are you at all concerned——

*Q.* Your reaction to the—President Trump's indictment?

*The President.* No.

*Q.* Are you worried this will further divide our country—the indictment?

*The President.* I have no comment on that.

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*Q.* Are you at all concerned about possible protests in the wake of the indictment?

*The President.* No, I'm not going to talk about Trump's indictment.

*Detention of U.S. Citizen and Wall Street Journal Correspondent Evan Gershkovich by  
Russia*

*Q.* What's your message to Russia right now as they're detaining——

*The President.* To whom?

*Q.* To Russia as they're detaining this Wall Street journalist reporter.

*The President.* Let him go. We're in the process.

*Q.* Have you spoken with his family?

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*Q.* Sir, what does this mean for the rule of law that former President Trump has been indicted? What do you think it means for the rule of law in our country?

*The President.* I have no comment at all on Trump.

*Detention of U.S. Citizen and Wall Street Journal Correspondent Evan Gershkovich by  
Russia*

*Q.* Are you going to expel Russian diplomats or journalists after they arrested the Wall Street Journal reporter?

*The President.* Am I going to what?

*Q.* Are you going to expel Russian diplomats or journalists?

*The President.* That's not the plan right now.

*Q.* Have you spoken to his family?

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*Q.* Mr. President, do you think that the charges against Trump are politically motivated?

*The President.* I have no comment on Trump.

*Q.* Are you worried about violence——

NOTE: The President spoke at 8:05 a.m. on the South Lawn at the White House prior to boarding Marine One.

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